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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features present. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were more than sufficient with smaller sizes noted as being in better balanced in some areas. In the parts structure, trading was slow to light. Wings were readily available; dark meat and breast items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 80.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.50 cents last year on August 13, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	249.00
BREASTS - B/S	215.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	124.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	101.50
LEG QUARTERS	33.50
WINGS	116.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was mostly light to fair with limited trading; supplies were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive, with supplies of all items at least adequate or readily available and often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained limited as dealers kept floor stocks balanced. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient, although, the 2.5 pound birds were noted as better balanced. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were mostly adequate.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers continues barely steady to instances weak. Offerings were sufficient with small sized birds in the shortest position. Fill in trade noted; WOGs at 59 cents and boneless skinless breast at \$1.65 into the St. Louis area. Ohio fill in noted with WOGs at 66 cents and boneless skinless leg meat at 70 cents. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate best into fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable to heavier than desired. Trade in the parts sector was slow. Supplies of all items were fully sufficient for immediate needs. The market tone was generally unchanged; cautiously steady on wings, and barely steady with a weak undertone on the balance.

WESTERN Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Sized product was in the closest position. Buying activity was fair at best. Buyers' interest in additional product focused on immediate needs. Retailer demand moderate overall best where featured, particularly on parts. Floor stocks at least adequate. Trade sentiment remained mixed on parts with bone-in breast in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/07/04	2004	2003
EGGS SET	213,454	206,725
CHICKS PLACED	174,371	170,090
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+03
		+03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 7, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 7, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 7, 2004 were 5.51 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Sep-04 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 159.0 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.27 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	720	160.00-235.00	167-172	172.63	BREAST - B/S	625	155.00-231.00	162-167	166.45
TENDERLOINS	203	190.00-245.00	195-200	201.60	TENDERLOINS	163	190.00-245.00	195-205	201.90
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	114.00-132.00	115-118	117.50	BREAST - LINE RUN	89	115.00-132.00	115-118	118.22
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	31.00-55.00	35-37	37.05	LEGS	88	32.00-55.00	34-37	36.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	351	24.00-30.00	26-27	26.81	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	23.00-30.00	26-27	26.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	26.00-37.00	28-29	27.97	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	26.00-34.00	28-29	28.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	284	94.00-112.00	94-96	98.43	WINGS (WHOLE)	284	92.00-112.00	94-98	97.93
WINGS (CUT)	340	114.00-119.00	115-119	116.53	WINGS (CUT)	405	110.00-119.00	115-119	115.93
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	68.00-128.00	-	83.88	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR —					F.O.B. DOCK.				
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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/14/04 (1)	08/07/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	167,828 (2)	164,904
LT HENS	1,433	1,460
HVY HENS	1,506	1,577
CHECK TOTAL	170,767	167,941

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jul-04 is 165.1 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.2 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/09/04	182,053	57,344
AM 08/01/04	197,542	54,909
CHG	-15,489	2,435
PCT CHG	-8	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/09/04	08/02/04	08/11/03	08/09/04	08/02/04	08/11/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,332	9,350	15,718	5,521	5,384	7,409
LOS						
ANGELES	366	385	138	4,302	4,162	2,980

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/10/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	.75	.62	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.80	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	1.50	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.25	6.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.90	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.35	.81	RABBITS ea.	2.00	3.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.75	3.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.75	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	3.00	4.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 58							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 6, 2004

	Whole <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	Legs <u>W/ Thighs</u>	Necks, Backs <u>& Wings</u>	Livers/ <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	69.27	127.39	87.58	15.92	15.92	43.79
High	70.07	131.37	91.56	19.90	19.90	43.79
Mostly	69.27	131.37	87.58	15.92	19.90	43.79

SAN JUAN

Low	69.27	119.43	87.58	11.94	15.92	43.79
High	70.07	127.39	91.56	19.90	19.90	43.79
Mostly	69.67	127.39	87.58	15.92	15.92	43.79

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.27	127.39	87.58	11.94	15.92	47.77
High	70.07	131.37	91.56	19.90	19.90	47.77
Mostly	69.27	127.39	87.58	15.92	15.92	47.77

BECERRA

Low	69.27	127.39	87.58	15.92	15.92	49.76
High	70.07	135.35	91.56	19.90	19.90	49.76
Mostly	69.27	131.37	91.56	15.92	19.90	49.76

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light to fair, but did reflect some increased buying interest. Seller offerings varied from in generally good balance to fully adequate with spot sales at highly competitive levels. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 70 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Wings were at least adequate and were held with widely differing views of value.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	67-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.33
NO. OF BOXES	7,410

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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